



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 292***

LCO No. 1853

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE TO YIELD THE  
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN WHO IS LEGALLY BLIND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-300d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes or any  
4 regulations issued thereunder, sections 14-299, 14-300 of the 2008  
5 supplement to the general statutes, 14-300b to 14-300e, inclusive, or  
6 any local ordinance to the contrary, each operator of a vehicle shall  
7 exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or person  
8 propelling a human powered vehicle and shall give a reasonable  
9 warning by sounding a horn or other lawful noise emitting device to  
10 avoid a collision.

11 (b) The operator of a vehicle who approaches or comes into the  
12 immediate vicinity of a pedestrian who is legally blind, as defined in  
13 subsection (a) of section 1-1f, carrying a white cane or a white cane  
14 tipped with red, or a pedestrian being guided by a guide dog, shall  
15 reduce speed or stop if necessary to yield the right-of-way to such

16 pedestrian. No person, except one who is legally blind, shall carry or  
17 use on any street or highway, or in any other public place, a cane or  
18 walking stick which is white in color or white, tipped with red.

19 (c) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Section 53-211 of the general is  
21 repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-300d
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	Repealer section

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***Statement of Purpose:***

To update the provisions of the general statutes concerning vehicle operators and pedestrians who are legally blind.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*